



April 26, 2004

Mr. Robert L. Therkelsen, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Application for Certification for Small Power Plant Exemption

Dear Mr. Therkelsen:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 20, California Code of Regulations article 5 (section 1934 et seq), City of Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) is pleased to submit its Application for Certification for Small Power Plant Exemption for the Riverside Energy Resource Center (RERC) Project. Additionally, RPU attests to the truth and accuracy of the information contained herein.

The RERC is designed to supply peaking power to RPU's customers during summer peak electrical demands. In addition, RERC in combination with RPU's 40 MW Springs Generation Project, will be able to provide power for the City's emergency and essential services in case of a major catastrophic event on the California power grid. None of the power generated from RERC will be exported outside of the City and RPU's grid. This project is an excellent example of a local utility taking responsibility for meeting the needs of its customers in a cost effective manner.

The RERC will consist of two natural gas General Electric LM6000 generators located on approximately 15 acres of land adjacent to the City of Riverside's Water Quality Control Plant located within the city. Natural gas interconnection will be provided on site, and water supply will be obtained from the Water Quality Control Plant. Approximately 1.75 miles of 69 kV transmission line will be required to connect the RERC to RPU's existing Mountain View Substation.

The RERC Project has been designed to be constructed and operated in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (LORS). As mentioned, the project will utilize reclaimed water from the adjacent water plant and a Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) system eliminating the need to discharge wastewater. The project will also apply best available control technology (BACT) for reduction of air emissions. The project is not expected to have any adverse impacts on the environment or energy resources and all potentially significant environmental impacts will be mitigated.

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Our goal is to begin construction in October 2004 and have one unit operational for June 2005. We are looking forward to working with your staff to make this a successful project for all. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me at 909.826.5504.

Sincerely,



Stephen H. Badgett

Public Utilities Assistant Director-energy Delivery

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Attachement: Application

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